

REMARKS

Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Claims 20-38 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Albrecht WO '058 in view of Shendy. Claims 20-38 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Albrecht US 6,777,517 in view of Hendy. The Examiner also made an obviousness-type double patenting rejection of claims over claims 1-20 of Albrecht US '517 in view of Shendy. Applicants respectfully traverse each of these rejections.

The present invention relates to compositions with improved storage stability. At page 5, 3rd paragraph of the Office Action the Examiner argues that due to a covalent binding of the defoamer to the polymer, particularly stable defoamer dispersant compositions are obtained. Thus, according to the Examiner, there is an incentive to combine Albrecht and Shendy.

However, the indications concerning stability in paragraph [0011] of Shendy refer to the essential amine solubilizing agents, which are used to stabilize non-water soluble defoamers and which are not directed to dispersants. According to Shendy, the use of dispersants is optional, and the publication does not contain any motivation to obtain stable defoamer dispersant compositions by inserting defoaming units into the flowing agent.

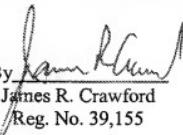
The Examiner is invited to reconsider the application in view of the above.

In view of the foregoing, allowance is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 50-0624, under Order No. NY-HUBR-1298-US.

Respectfully submitted

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